

## OGDEN RIVER WATER RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STATE ENGINEER WITH THE OGDEN RIVER WATER RIGHTS ASSOCIATION FOR 1973

The meeting was called to order by State Engineer Hubert C. Lambert at 3:05 p.m., Tuesday January 9, 1973 in the city chambers of the Ogden City and County Building.

Following opening remarks Mr. Lambert turned the meeting over to association chairman Edward H. Southwick. Mr. Southwick called for minutes of the 1972 meeting by Secretary-Treasurer Haynes R. Fuller. Minutes were accepted following a correction indicating that a \$500.00 increase in committee funds came out of Association Reserve rather than an increase in the 1972 budget.

Mr. Southwick announced the results of the annual area elections held December 27, 1972. The four directors were re-elected at sparsely attended meetings. The Area A meeting was held at 7:30 p.m. in the Liberty L.D.S. Church. The Area B meeting was held at 2:00 p.m. at the Ogden River Water Users office at 1483 Wall Avenue.

Mr. Southwick then reviewed the composition of the nine-member Board of Directors of the Association as follows:

Area A - Ogden Valley: Two elected directors - Haynes Fuller and Clarence Smith.

Area B- Lower Valley: Two elected directors - Horace Rhees and Alvin Robson.

Ogden River Water Users Association: Two appointees - Edward Southwick and James Randall.

Utah Power and Light: One appointee - Robert Porter.

Weber Basin: Two appointees - Wayne Winegar and Keith Jensen.

Mr. Southwick reported that at Association Director's meeting last week the present officers were retained - Edward H. Southwick, Chairman; Keith Jensen, Vice Chairman and Haynes Fuller, Secretary-Treasurer.

#### 1973 BUDGET:

The 1973 budget was discussed after presentation by Secretary-Treasurer Haynes Fuller. Total budget was \$5,993.11, an increase of \$968.53 over 1972,

resulting from increased Water Commissioner salary of \$800.00 plus additional matching Social Security and State Retirement. Mr. Southwick noted this is still a bargain considering the increased work load. The motion to approve the budget was made by Clarence Smith, seconded by Horace Rhees and passed.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The financial statement for the River System was presented by Engineer Donald C. Norseth reflecting a delinquent statement of \$42.28 and a balance of Distribution System Trust Funds as of January 9, 1973 of \$1,034.22.

#### 5000 ACRE FEET EXCHANGE APPLICATION PROTESTED:

Mr. Southwick explained that the Association had authorized and directed him to formally protest the "Patio Springs" application for a 5,000-acre feet exchange with Weber Basin Water Conservancy District because the magnitude and location threatens to interfere with water rights in the immediate area and the Ogden Valley Artesian Basin. Many organizations and individuals have protested. Some questions regarding exchange procedure with Weber Basin were also reported. Engineer Lambert remarked that he and Area Engineer Rex Larsen recognize this application as one meriting very close scrutiny.

#### WATER COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Floyd Barnett reported he had returned from Logan today where a convention in water problems was in progress at USU. Other district officers were also there.

Nineteen-seventy-two was reported as a fine water year. He observed that Pine View Reservoir was not filled in 1972 despite an abundance of water. Storage would have been even shorter if district people had not urged the filling near the end of the runoff period. When a last minute effort was made to withhold water, some ditch units were deprived of their early flood water rights.

One hundred forty new well exchange applications were made in 1972. All but five were Weber Basin Exchange, many of which were in high mountain locations. With this new water activity in the Valley, the Commissioner's work load increases.

In conclusion Mr. Barnett expressed his pleasure at working with the Association.


Mr. Southwick stated the desire of the directors to have Mr. Barnett reappointed as Ogden River Water Commissioner and Leonard Berghout as Deputy Water Commissioner for 1973. Engineer Lambert affirmed the reappointments stating that he had always been pleased with Commissioner Barnett's work.

In concluding the meeting Mr. Lambert expressed pleasure with this meeting with Ogden River Water Users and introduced Engineer Jerry L. Bronicel who is assistant to District Engineer Rex Larsen who, along with Engineer Donald C. Norseth accompanied him today.

Thirteen water users and officials in attendance; attendance sheet attached herewith. (Note - Today's meeting in conflict with Water Conference in Logan).

Meeting adjourned at 3:45.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Haynes R. Fuller  
Secretary-Treasurer